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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Piotr **Ogonowski** (Poland)

1. At its 61st meeting, on 16 April 2002, the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine members: Angola, Fiji, Grenada, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Philippines, Poland and Uganda.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 18 April 2002.

3. Mr. Piotr Ogonowski (Poland) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 17 April 2002, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Secretary made a statement supplementing the memorandum by the Secretariat with regard to including those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum by the Secretariat, as orally supplemented during the meeting, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 104 States participating in the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Fiji, Finland, France Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta,

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Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum of the Secretariat, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission had also been submitted for the representatives of the European Community.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat, as orally supplemented during the meeting, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 22 States participating in the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties: Angola, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, the Gambia, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Seychelles, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 17 April 2002, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the meeting of the Credentials Committee,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

9. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

10. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 12). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

11. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

12. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Twelfth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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"*The Twelfth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."